

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): An image processing device for selecting an image and transferring the selected image to an image output section that outputs the selected image according to image data generated by an image generating device and image generation record information associated with the image data, the image generation record information including at least operation information of the image generating device at the time that the image data is generated, the image processing device comprising:

an analyzer configured to analyze both the image data and the image generation record information associated with the image data to determine an image quality parameter relating to quality of an image represented by the image data; and

a selector configured to perform, on the basis of the image quality parameter, an output target decision regarding whether to select the image data as an output target, wherein

the analyzer calculates an edge amount at each pixel position in the image, and determines the image quality parameter using the edge amounts weighted by a weight distribution that is determined according to the image generation record information ~~information, wherein pixels of the image are weighted by the weight distribution.~~

Claim 2 (Previously Presented): An image processing device according to claim 1 wherein the weight distribution is determined based on subject location information which is included in the image generation record information.

Claims 3 and 4 (Canceled).

Claim 5 (Original): An image processing device according to claim 1 wherein
the analyzer determines a first characteristic value of the quality characteristic parameter that indicates a characteristic relating to sharpness of the image, and
the selector performs the output target decision on the basis of the first characteristic value.

Claim 6 (Canceled).

Claim 7 (Original): An image processing device according to claim 5 wherein
the image generation record information includes subject location information for the
image, and
the analyzer determines the first characteristic value using the subject location
information.

Claims 8-15 (Canceled).

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): An image output device for outputting an image according
to image data generated by an image generating device and image generation record
information associated with the image data, the image generation record information
including at least operation information of the image generating device at the time that the
image data is generated, the image output device comprises:

an analyzer configured to analyze both the image data and the image generation record
information associated with the image data to determine an image quality parameter relating
to quality of an image represented by the image data;

a selector configured to perform, on the basis of the image quality parameter, an
output target decision regarding whether to select the image data as an output target; and

an output section configured to output an image using the image data that has been
selected as the output target by the selector, wherein

the analyzer calculates an edge amount at each pixel position in the image, and
determines the image quality parameter using the edge amounts weighted by a weight
distribution that is determined according to the image generation record information
~~information, wherein pixels of the image are weighted by the weight distribution.~~

Claim 17 (Currently Amended): A method of selecting an image and transferring the selected image to an image output section that outputs the selected image according to image data generated by an image generating device and image generation record information associated with the image data, the image generation record information including at least operation information of the image generating device at the time that the image data is generated, the method comprising ~~the steps of:~~

(a) analyzing both the image data and the image generation record information associated with the image data to determine an image quality parameter relating to quality of an image represented by the image data; and

(b) performing, on the basis of the image quality parameter, an output target decision regarding whether to select the image data as an output target, wherein

the ~~step (a) analyzing of the image data and the image generation record information~~ includes calculating an edge amount at each pixel position in the image, and determining the image quality parameter using the edge amounts weighted by a weight distribution that is determined according to the image generation record information ~~information, wherein pixels of the image are weighted by the weight distribution.~~

Claim 18 (Previously Presented): A method according to claim 17 wherein the weight distribution is determined based on subject location information which is included in the image generation record information.

Claims 19 and 20 (Canceled).

Claim 21 (Currently Amended): A method according to claim 17 wherein

the ~~step (a) analyzing of the image data and the image generation record information~~ includes determining a first characteristic value of the quality characteristic parameter that indicates a characteristic relating to sharpness of the image, and

the ~~step (b) performing of the output target decision~~ includes performing the output target decision on the basis of the first characteristic value.

Claim 22 (Canceled).

Claim 23 (Currently Amended): A method according to claim 21 wherein
the image generation record information includes subject location information for the
image, and
the ~~step (a)~~ analyzing of the image data and the image generation record information
includes determining the first characteristic value using the subject location information.

Claims 24-31 (Canceled).

Claim 32 (Currently Amended): A method of outputting an image according to image data
generated by an image generating device and image generation record information associated
with the image data, the image generation record information including at least operation
information of the image generating device at the time that the image data is generated, the
method comprising ~~the steps of:~~

(~~a~~) analyzing both the image data and the image generation record information
associated with the image data to determine an image quality parameter relating to quality of
an image represented by the image data;

(~~b~~) performing, on the basis of the image quality parameter, an output target decision
regarding whether to select the image data as an output target; and

(~~c~~) outputting an image using the image data that has been selected as the output target
by the selector, wherein

the ~~step (a)~~ the analyzing of the image data and the image generation record
information includes calculating an edge amount at each pixel position in the image, and
determining the image quality parameter using the edge amounts weighted by a weight
distribution that is determined according to the image generation record information
~~information, wherein pixels of the image are weighted by the weight distribution.~~

Claim 33 (Currently Amended): A computer program product comprising:

a computer-readable storage medium; and

a computer program stored on the computer-readable storage medium, the computer program including;

a first program for causing a computer to analyze both the image data and the image generation record information associated with the image data to determine an image quality parameter relating to quality of an image represented by the image data; and

a second program for causing the computer to perform, on the basis of the image quality parameter, an output target decision regarding whether to select the image data as an output target, wherein

the first program includes a program for causing a computer to calculate an edge amount at each pixel position in the image, and to determine the image quality parameter using the edge amounts weighted by a weight distribution that is determined according to the image generation record information ~~information, wherein pixels of the image are weighted by the weight distribution.~~

Claims 34-37 (Canceled).